

Remarks

This Amendment responds to the Official Action mailed on June 23, 2004. Claims 1-14 and 17-33 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended and new claims 32-33 have been added.

Introductory Comment

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the substrate included in the “disposable insect control member” that is the subject of the instant claims is a “plastic” substrate as opposed to paper or a human. The Examiner noted during an interview conducted on July 1, 2004 that an amendment along these lines would be helpful.

The agenda of that interview was to discuss the rejections made under Section 112, and the substance of that interview is documented in the foregoing and following remarks.

Rejection Under Section 112, Paragraph 1

Claim 1 stands rejected under Section 112, paragraph 1. The amendment to claim 1 was discussed on July 1, 2004 with the Examiner and is believed to overcome that rejection.

Rejection Under Section 112, Paragraph 2

Claims 1 and 26 stand rejected under Section 112, paragraph 2. The amendment to claim 1 deleting the term “optimally” was discussed on July 1, 2004 with the Examiner and is believed to

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overcome that rejection. The amendment to claim 26 was also discussed with the Examiner and is believed to overcome that rejection.

Newly Presented Claims

Claim 32 is newly presented and includes all of the features of claim 15, which had specifically been indicated as allowable before filing the present RCE application.

Claim 33 is newly presented and is intermediate in scope between claims 1 and 32 and is presented in order to more completely cover certain aspects of Applicants' invention.

In the event that the newly presented claims are in condition for allowance, Applicants expect to include in this application dependent claims modeled after claims 2-31 to depend from one or more of the newly presented claims.

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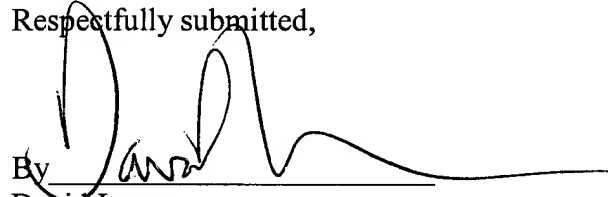
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The Official Action mailed on June 23, 2004 raises no other rejections against the claims; accordingly, allowance of all of the claims is believed appropriate.

If the case is not believed to be in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request careful consideration of the features of the remaining claims and indicate allowability, on a claim-by-claim basis, as appropriate.

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Respectfully submitted,



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